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Title: PHYSICAL PROCESS CAUSING THE EFFECT OF PRESERVING FISH OR  
MEAT FOOD THROUGHOUT LONG PERIODS OF TIME, TENS OF  
MONTHS, THEREBY PRESERVING THE PROPERTIES OF A FRESH  
PRODUCT

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